**11. Rs. 253 by transfer from "22—Medical—Sub-Assistant Surgeons" to "17 Jails—1 Central Jail—Sub-Assistant Surgeon"**

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 253 under "17—Jails—1—Central jail—Sub-Assistant Surgeon". This is proposed to be met by transfer from "22—Medical—Sub-Assistant Surgeons." I request that the demand may be sanctioned.

*Demand put and carried*

**12. Rs. 150 under "31—Industries Reserved—A—Direction and Inspection—Service labels"**

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "31—Industries Reserved—A—Direction and Inspection—Service labels." I request the House may be pleased to allow this grant.

*Demand put and carried*

**13. Rs. 582 Under—"1 Land Revenue—H. K. A. Samajam Estate"**

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 582 under "1—Land Revenue—H. K. A. Samajam Estate". The lands and buildings of the K. A. Samajam Estate have been recently assumed by the Government. Therefore, these items of expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of framing the budget. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this demand.

**Cut Motion**

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Rural):* Sir, I move *to reduce the demand by Re. 1.* This is *to enquire what is being done by the establishment at the K. A. Samajam Hospital.*

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, the establishment consists of 4 sweepers, five gardeners, one scavenger, one Vicharippu and one night-watchman. The establishment charges on account of these persons come to Rs. 66 per mensem and that is for 7 months. Then there is a small T. A. of Rs. 10 and some sundry other expenses in the shape of tiles being replaced, lights being given, locks being replaced and things of that kind.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Rural):* Are there patients there?

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**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is nobody treated there. At the time when we got possession of these buildings there were five or six patients living there. They wanted to continue there for a few days more. We permitted them and we got some rent also. After their stay they left. Afterwards two or three persons came; because these buildings were lying vacant we permitted them to occupy the same on rent. Now, one man is staying there, and he is having treatment by somebody else. He will also leave in a few days.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is not rent being received from him ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* Is there anything in the Samajam hospital from which Government can get any income ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is income other than rent. There are trees; there are paddy fields.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* May I know what will be the approximate income which the Government can derive out of this ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* About Rs. 350, without any rent being realised from all buildings.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* May I know the approximate expenditure that Government will have to incur on account of these properties being managed by Government ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* About 1,000 rupees. If the buildings are rented, we will get much more.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* Is there any possibility of getting any rent from these buildings in that locality ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not meant for renting out in that fashion. Unless we start the Samajam hospital, the chances are very few of getting anything by way of rent.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* As it now stands this possession involves an annual expenditure of 5 to 6 hundred rupees for Government.

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, until we decide upon something else.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Were the persons appointed the only persons who were in charge of these buildings ?



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**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* No. There were larger numbers of people there. We reduced the staff. Because no patients live there, there is no necessity for larger number of watchmen and others. Therefore we reduced the staff, after we assumed possession.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It was managed by a private registered association. We have now assumed charge of only the buildings and properties. May I know whether those people, who were under the employ of the Samajam for managing the affairs of this institution, are to be retained by the Government ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* Those whom we wanted were retained. We did not want to employ everybody.

**Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* On a point of information, may I know what the Government propose to do with this hospital ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is a question which is engaging the attention of the Government. There is a cut motion, and I hope, I will be able to furnish you with all details when that motion comes up.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government consider that so many people are necessary to maintain the buildings and properties in proper condition ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are about 7 and odd acres of paddy lands and gardens. The number is large because we are giving them work by turns. There were a larger number of people employed there. Now what we do is, supposing two watchmen are necessary, we employ one watchman for one month and another for the next month in turns so that nobody may feel that they have been discarded on account of the fact that the Samajam has gone away. In that way we are distributing work. The number may therefore seem to be large. A number of trees have to be watered, buildings have to be swept and so many other things have to be done, for keeping the buildings in proper condition. Therefore we have to spend much more than we actually get out of these properties.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* More than the lands and trees can yield!

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* What is the necessity of Government doing all these things for them ?

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**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: We have taken possession of those properties and there are about 20 buildings there. All these have to be kept clean everyday. Otherwise, there will be accumulation of rubbish.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Does it mean that they have abandoned their property ?

**Mr. A Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No. We have taken possession of the property.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: What is the objection in handing over the property to the P. W. D. and the trees and paddy fields to the Agricultural Department as in the case of other Government buildings and trees ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The question as to what should be done with these properties has not yet been settled. It is a matter under the consideration of the Government. Now, in the same compound, if there are buildings and trees, I do not know how we can make a saving by entrusting the trees to one set of people and the buildings to another set ?

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: In the Agricultural Department there are Avenue Maistries who will be able to look after these trees also.

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I don't think the Avenue Maistries will be doing the watering work. The staff that we have employed are gardeners and sweepers. That is the major item. Then there are watchmen. That is, one watchman for the night. We employ by turns. This is the nature of the establishment we have got. I do not think the Avenue Maistries will be able to attend to these.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: May I know what kind of trees they are ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: All kinds of trees and a few medicinal herbs and plants.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: What will we get by serving these trees ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Whether we get anything or not, we have to keep them. There are cocoanut trees and arecanut trees. In that locality we have to water these trees also.



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Then there is the other question—what claim the other side will make upon us. We may have to return the property in the condition in which we have taken it. Suppose there is an agreement between the parties afterwards, then we will have to return the property without any damage. There are so many questions involved in this case. We must be careful with reference to the management of this institution. It is not a thing which we can dispose of in an ordinary manner. They are questioning our right to assume this property. If that right is established we may have to return this property. If we agree between ourselves, then also the question may arise as to whether we have kept the property in a proper condition. All these questions we need not discuss now.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Why should Government spend any money upon a samajam ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: We are not spending any money on the samajam, but only on the buildings.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: On the samajam buildings they have abandoned and went away.

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: They have not abandoned. We have taken possession, because they transgressed the conditions under which the grant was made. We gave them certain properties for certain purposes. They transgressed those conditions. Therefore, we took possession of those properties and we are keeping them in our possession. We are bound to take care of those properties.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: If you are not going to get any return from it, why should you have it ?

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The buildings are now vacant. Therefore we are not getting anything. If buildings are utilised for some purpose, then we will get some adequate return.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Rural)*: Sir, I do not press my motion.

*Motion, by leave, withdrawn*

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: I oppose the grant.

*Demand put and carried*

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